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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
 - b. (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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| Attorney Docket No. | 33836000013 |
| First Inventor | Michael B. Elliott |
| Title | Method to Improve Debt Collection Practices |
| Express Mail Label No. | EL707801504US |

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other: **Certificate of Mailing**.....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No. /

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Group Art Unit:

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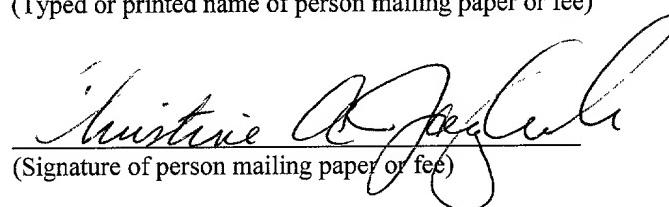
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|----------|
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

10/12/01

Date

Signature

Christopher P. Moreno, Agent

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**